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1. QUEBEC CITY'S ONLY SERIOUS DAILY NEWSPAPER,
LE SOLEIL, RESUMED PUBLICATION JULY 8 WITH A PRESS RUN OF 152,000
ENDING A 10-MONTH STRIKE. LE SOLEIL'S JOURNALISTS HAD WALKED
OUT ON AUGUST 29, 1977 (REFTEL) OVER A NUMBER OF ISSUES,
PRIMARILY JOURNALISTS' CONTROL OVER THEIR OWN STORIES.
DURING THE COURSE OF THE STRIKE DISPUTES SPREAD TO OTHER AREAS
SUCH AS SALARIES AND WORK CONDITIONS.

2. CONFLICT WAS FINALLY RESOLVED ONLY AFTER GOQ ENTERED
NEGOTIATIONS DIRECTLY BY CALLING PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE TO
REFEREE DISPUTE. IN FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL IN SATURDAY'S
EDITION, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF CLAUDE BEAUCHAMP GAVE PRIMARY CREDIT
FOR JOURNALISTS AND MANAGEMENT TOGETHER TO PQ NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
DEPUTIES GUY BISAILLON AND GUY CHEVRETTE AS WELL AS GOQ MEDIATOR
RAYMOND LEOEUF. FINAL SETTLEMENT REPRESENTS SIGNIFICANT GAINS
FOR JOURNALISTS AND TECHNICAL STAFF IN TERMS OF SALARIES, BUT ONLY
MINOR MANAGEMENT CONCESSIONS IN AREA OF EDITORIAL CONTROL.
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SALARIES IN NEW FOUR-YEAR CONTRACT ARE NOW ON A PAR WITH THOSE
NEGOTIATED LAST MAY FOR MONTREAL'S LA PRESSE (MONTREAL 0919),
I. E. EXPERIENCED JOURNALISTS WILL BE MAKING DOLS 500 WEEKLY BY
END OF 1980. SETTLEMENT PROVIDES FOR FOUR WEEKS VACATION ANNUALLY
AFTER FOUR YEARS EMPLOYMENT, FIVE WEEKS AFTER 20 YEARS, AND SIX
WEEKS AFTER 25 YEARS.
SETTLEMENT ALSO PROVIDES FOR "OPEN" GRIEVANCE SYSTEM WHEREBY

GRIEVABLE SUBJECTS ARE NOT LIMITED TO THOSE COVERED IN CONVENTION;
AND A STRICT TIMETABLE FOR PROCESSING GRIEVANCES IS ESTABLISHED.
IN AREA OF EDITORIAL CONTROL, VIRTUALLY ONLY CONCESSION BY
PAPER'S MANAGEMENT WAS TO AGREE NOT TO RUN STORIES BY LE SOLEIL'S
JOURNALISTS IN OTHER PROVINCIAL PAPERS OWNED BY THE PARENT
COMPANY, UNIMEDIA. THIS CONCESSION, MOTIVATED BY EMPLOYEE
CONCERNS OVER CONCENTRATION OF PRESS OWNERSHIP IN THE PROVINCE,
DID NOT APPLY TO LE SOLEIL'S REGULAR COLUMNISTS.

3. REAPPEARANCE OF LE SOLEIL BRINGS TO AN END PERIOD OF NEWS
DROUGHT FOR QUEBEC CITY IN WHICH ONLY LOCAL NEWS OUTLET,
ASIDE FROM ELECTRONIC MEDIA, WAS TABLOID JOURNAL DE QUEBEC,
WHICH CONCENTRATES ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON CRIME, CAR WRECKS,
CHEESECAKE, AND SPORTS.
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